# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
# LOK SABHA

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Power Subsidy to BPL Families
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**Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch any scheme with hundred per cent subsidy to provide single point electricity connection to the people living below poverty line in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh; and

(c) the number of BPL families benefited under this scheme during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)&(b): Yes Madam.

Erstwhile RGGVY was launched by Government of India in April, 2005 for creation of Rural Electricity Infrastructure & Household Electrification, envisaging providing access to electricity to rural households and providing free electricity connections to all BPL households. Now erstwhile RGGVY has been subsumed in Deendayal Upadhyay Gram JyotiYojana as Rural Electrification component of DDUGJY. As informed by REC under the scheme, 921 projects have been sanctioned in the country covering release of free electricity connections to 3.96 crore BPL households including Chhattisgarh. Cumulatively, as on 31.10.2015, free electricity connections to 2.26 crore BPL households (57%) have been released.

(c): The State wise details of BPL families benefited under the scheme during the last three years and current year, are presented at Annexure-I.
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